

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1288 without my signature.

I strongly support efforts to help people recover from drug addiction and recently provided \$670 million in statewide drug treatment programs, an increase of \$53 million over the previous year. While I support providing improved access to substance abuse treatment services for adolescents, I cannot support this bill as it would substantially expand Drug Medi-Cal services and result in millions of dollars of new state costs. I believe this policy can be more appropriately addressed during the budget process.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger